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## Harding's Heirs Name N.Y. Times In Letters Suit

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An heir to the late President Warren G. Harding has filed an amended suit for \$1 million damages in Franklin County Common Pleas Court against the New York Times Co. and a trustee of the Ohio Historical Society.

Dr. Geirge T. Harding III of suburban Worthington sought damages for unauthorized publication of letters from Harding to Mrs. Carrie Phillips, wife of a Marion merchant. The letters allegedly show Harding and Mrs. Phillips had a love affair.

The *New York Times* and Glenn Thompson of Dayton, Ohio, the society trustee, were added to the list of defendants by the amended petition. A similar suit filed July 29, 1964, named Kenneth W. Duckett, an employe of the society, Francis Russell, a Boston historian, the American Heritage Publishing Co. and the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.

The new petition claims the Times printed parts of the letters July 10, 1964, under the heading "250 Love Letters from Harding to Ohio Merchant's Wife."

The plaintiff claims the story caused extreme humiliation, embarrassment, mental suffering and anguish to the Harding heirs.

The letters were discovered by the Ohio Historical Society when it catalogued a large amount of Harding's memorabilia, turned over to it by the Harding Memorial Association.